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PAUL A. JOOSTEN

General Secretary
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31. 5. 1943

Geheime Kommandosache

Betr.: Flucht des ehemaligen französischen Generalstabschefs, General George, nach Algier.

V e r m e r k

über mündliche Weisung Chef WFSt.

1.) I c hat dafür zu sorgen, dass, falls die angeordneten Feststellungen schon eingeleitet sind, diese so durchgeführt werden, daß unter keinen Umständen Aufsehen vor beabsichtigten Verhaftungen erregt wird.

2.) Von Qu ist mit Amt Ausl./Abw. ein Befehl an Ob.West auf der Grundlage vorzubereiten, dass der Führer im Anschluss an die Flucht des Generals George befohlen hat, alle fluchtverdächtigen Offiziere der ehemaligen französischen Wehrmacht festzunehmen.
Bei Vorbereitung des Befehls ist zu prüfen, ob die französischen Offiziere in die Kriegsgefangenschaft überführt, interniert oder auf andere Weise festgesetzt werden sollen.

3.) Qu hat dem Ausw.Amt mitzuteilen, dass Botschafter Hewel die Anordnung des Führers gehört hat und den Reichsaußenminister unterrichtet; ferner, daß OKW vor Äußerung des Ausw.Amts zunächst nichts weiter unternehmen wird.

4.) Qu legt ein Fernschreiben an Ob.West vor, das diesen anweist, Vorschläge für die Bestimmung des Kreises der hiernach in Frage kommenden Offiziere und für die Durchführung zu machen.
Auf die Beteiligung des Ausw.Amtes durch OKW ist hinzuweisen.

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FOR THE PROSECUTION OF AXIS CRIMINALITY

Doc.No. 720-PS Date 3 October 1945

STAFF EVIDENCE ANALYSIS

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT (Under following headings).

Title and Nature: Top Secret File Memorandum of the General Staff regarding ESCAPE OF THE FRENCH GENERAL GEORGE AND PLANNED ARREST OF FORMER FRENCH OFFICERS (CASE GENERAL GEORGE)

Date: 31 May 1943 Original (x) Copy ( ) Language: German

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL (also WITNESS if applicable) as of 3 October 1945:
OCC Files, Nurnberg

SOURCE OF ORIGINAL: BDC OKW 1647

PERSONS IMPLICATED: WARLIMONT, Walter; HITLER, Adolf; RIBBENTROP, Joachim von

REFERENCES TO INDEX HEADINGS (Key to Par.nos. of Summary below):
REICH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: Foreign Office--WEHRMACHT: OKW--WEHRMACHT: General Staff--ATROCITIES: Against Civilians.

NECESSARY PROCESSING TO PUT IN EVIDENTIARY FORM: LEADS

General George: Ambassador Hewel

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

1. The I c (equivalent to our G-2) has to take care that no suspicion is aroused through the planned arrests of French officers.

2. Qu has to prepare, in conjunction with Ausl./Abw., an order for the Commander-in-Chief "West" that the Fuehrer has ordered the arrest of all former French officers who are suspected of planning to escape. It has to be examined under what legal form they are to be interned.

3. Qu has to inform the Foreign Office that Ambassador Hewel has heard the directive of the Fuehrer and that he has informed the Foreign Minister. Furthermore, that OKW will not undertake anything without first hearing the opinion of the Foreign Office.

4. Qu will send teletypes to the Commander-in-Chief "West" requesting proposals re officers to be arrested and re technicalities of arrest. Participation of the Foreign Office through OKW is to be stressed.

5. The document is signed illegibly.

6. See also Files 715-PS to 723-PS inclusive.

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TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENT No. 720-PS

(handwritten:) Qu IV

W F St / Qu. (Adm.) 31 May 1943

(stamp:) MILITARY TOP SECRET

Subject: Escape to Algiers of the former French Chief of Gen. Staff. General George

N o t e

on Verbal Order of Chief WFSt

1.) The Ic will see to it that, if the ordered investigation has already been initiated, it is conducted in a manner which under no circumstances will create a stir prior to the intended arrests.
(handwritten:) taken care of 1855 hours.

2.) Qu in cooperation with the Office Foreign Countries/Counter Intel. will prepare an order to OB West on the basis that the Fuehrer, due to the escape of General George, has ordered the detention of all officers of the former French Armed Forces who are suspected of planning their escape.

In preparing the order it is to be examined whether the French officers are to be transferred into a PoW status or to be interned or to be detained in some other manner.

3.) Qu will inform the Foreign Office to the effect that Ambassador Hewel has heard the order of the Fuehrer and is informing the Reich Foreign Minister; moreover, that the OKW will take no further steps for the time being until it has heard from the Foreign Office.

4.) Qu will submit a teletype to OB West, which directs the latter to submit suggestions for the selection of the officers who are to be used for the above measures, and also for the execution of same. The notification of the Foreign Office by the OKW is to be pointed out.
(handwritten) taken care of. (Initial:) von M.

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